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P2-B trans-municipal road tops P9.2-B infra budget



VICE GOV. PINEDA

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Some P9.2 billion have been allocated in 2026 for 230 infrastructure projects in Pampanga, the Department of Public Works and Highways-Region 3 reported at the Provincial Development Council (PDC) special meeting held at the Capitol on April 27. **PAGE 13 PLEASE**



Guagua-Sasmuan stretch of the LGMST Road under construction in May 2022 DPWH Photo.

REINTEGRATION NETWORK FAIR

Renewed hope for job seekers, support for returning OFWs

Sandiganbayan affirms Maglanque suspension

MANILA – The Sandiganbayan has affirmed its Jan. 19, 2026 resolution placing Candaba, Pampanga Mayor Rene Maglanque under a 90-day preventive suspension over pending criminal graft and malversation cases in connection with the Malampaya Fund scam.



MAGLANQUE

In a resolution dated April 24, 2026, the anti-graft court's Special Third Division denied Maglanque's motion for reconsideration and extremely urgent ex-parte motion to stay execution, stating the latter was rendered moot and academic with the preventive suspension having been

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Beyond employment opportunities, the Regional Reintegration Network (RRN) Fair held at SM City Pampanga on April 21 offered renewed hope and clearer pathways toward stable livelihoods for job seekers and returning overseas Filipino workers.

Spearheaded by the Department of Migrant Workers-Central Luzon, with the regional offices of the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and other partner agencies, the RNN Fair drew a total of 1,845 job seekers to six local and **PAGE 13 PLEASE**

P85-M Malacañang aid pushes accessible, modern healthcare



Hands-on governor interviews patient in Alagang Nanay Preventive Healthcare mission. **PAMPANGA PIO FILE PHOTO**

P727-M farm-to-market road to benefit over 1,500 farmers, 4,500 households

MASINLOC, ZAMBALES — Some 1,500 farmers and 4,500 households, including indigenous peoples, are expected to benefit from a P727-million farm-to-market road (FMR) project in Masinloc, Zambales, which aims to improve transport connectivity and expand economic opportunities in the area.

This follows the approval by the Department of Agriculture–Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) Central Luzon Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB) of the 26-kilometer Baloganon–Sitio Coto, Taltal farm-to-market road rehabilitation and improvement project on April 21.

In a statement, DA-PRDP Central Luzon said the subproject includes the construction of 11 bridges and is considered the largest subproject in terms of cost and the longest FMR approved so far under the PRDP Scale-Up program.

It is designed to address long-standing transport and accessibility challenges while directly supporting

the production and market access of mango and rice farmers in the area.

Planned works include concreting of damaged and poorly graveled sections, upgrading of drainage systems, and replacing 11 steel bridges to ensure better year-round access, especially during adverse weather conditions.

DA-PRDP Central Luzon noted that before approval, the RPAB conducted feasibility study deliberations involving representatives from key national government agencies to ensure compliance with technical, economic, environmental, and social safeguard standards.

Upon completion, the FMR is expected to ease transport by cutting travel time and hauling costs, allowing farmers to transport their produce more efficiently and at lower cost.

Additionally, once improved, the road network is seen to contribute to higher farmgate prices, reduced post-harvest losses, and improved overall agricultural productivity. **PIA-3**

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Pampanga is steadily reshaping its healthcare landscape with stronger government support and expanded medical infrastructure.

A most recent boost to these efforts is the P85-million funding assistance the province received from Malacañang that Gov. Lilia ‘Nanay’ Pineda described as timely and transformative for the province’s growing network of hospitals.

Coursed through the Office of the President, the fund will support the procurement of critical medical equipment including dialysis machines, laparoscopic surgical tools, and hospital beds for newly established and expanding provincial health facilities.

“Malaking tulong talaga itong ibinigay ng Office of the President. Tamang-tama ito sa pagbubukas ng mga ospital at pagpapalakas ng ating serbisyong pangkalusugan,” she said.

A major portion of the fund will support dialysis services, as patients continue to face long waiting times due to limited machine capacity. Some are reportedly scheduled as early as dawn to complete treatment sessions.

Despite the expansion of private dialysis centers, Pineda said government facilities remain overwhelmed by demand, particularly from indigent patients.

“Marami na tayong private

dialysis centers pero kulang pa rin. Kailangan talaga nating dagdagan para hindi na maghintay ang mga pasyente,” she said.

The province will also acquire laparoscopic surgical equipment for minimally invasive procedures such as gallbladder and hernia operations, allowing faster recovery and shorter hospital stays.

Pineda noted that while such procedures cost P60,000 to P80,000 in private hospitals, these are provided free under the province’s zero balance billing policy.

“Napakalaking bagay nito lalo na sa mahihirap... sa atin, zero balance billing—walang babayaran ang pasyente,” she added.

Beyond the expansion of hospital facilities, Pineda underscored the province’s continued push to bring healthcare directly to communities through a growing network of satellite and extension hospitals, now linked to the province’s 11 main health facilities.

She said this approach is reinforced by intensified community outreach programs, where health workers actively go into barangays to identify patients showing early warning signs of serious illnesses, including individuals with lumps or ‘bukol’, to ensure timely diagnosis and treatment before their conditions worsen.

“Pinapahanap namin yung mga may bukol sa katawan. Kapag nakita agad, napapaopera namin

agad para hindi na umabot sa cancer,” Pineda said, noting that early detection has significantly reduced the number of patients progressing to advanced stages of illness that require more aggressive and costly treatments such as chemotherapy.

Pineda also highlighted the province’s floating clinic program, which delivers essential medical services to coastal and hard-to-reach barangays. The mobile facility is equipped with ultrasound, X-ray, laboratory diagnostics, and maternal health services, effectively bringing hospital-level care to remote communities.

“Hindi na dapat sila pumunta pa sa malayo. Kami na ang lumalapit sa kanila—may doctor, may gamot, may serbisyo,” she said.

Pineda expressed gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and national agencies for their continued support in strengthening local health systems, noting the swift release of funds has accelerated hospital expansion and equipment procurement.

She also cited national programs such as PhilHealth support and preventive healthcare initiatives that complement provincial efforts.

“Napakalaking tulong ng national government kasi hindi kayang solihin ng LGU ang lahat ng pangangailangan sa health,” she said. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**



BAHAY-BAHAY NA KALINGA SA MGA NASA BANIG NG KARAMDAMAN

LUNGSOD NG ANGELES – Hindi na kailangan pang magpalista at pumila sa mga lugar-bigayan ng ayuda ang mga kamag-anak ng mga nasa banig ng karamdaman at mga nakatatandang hirap nang makalabas ng tahanan. Personal na nagbabahay-bahay si Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. sa pamamahagi ng P2,000 tulong pinansiyal, limang kilong bigas, at Vitamin C supplements sa kanila – sa lubos na kagalakan ng mga matatanda at ng kanilang pamilya. Mula pa sa pagkapunonglungsod, itinuturing na ni Cong Pogi na isang misyon ang paglalaan ng panahon sa pagbabahay-bahay hindi lamang para magbigay ng ayuda kundi upang magbigay galang at makadaupang-palad ang sa mga itinuturing na niyang mga magulang.

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SBMA further reduces port tariff, road-users’ fees

BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – To ease the burden on freeport companies and stakeholders as they cope with the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority further reduced port tariff rates, temporarily suspended the collection of Environmental and Tourism Administrative Fees (ETAF), and maintained the full fare subsidy for e-buses here.

SBMA Board Resolution No. 26-04-1768, which was approved and ratified during the 79th meeting of the board of directors on April 21 further

reducing port tariff rates in support of Executive Order No. 110.

Executive Order No. 110, signed in March 2026, declares a State of National Energy Emergency due to Middle East conflicts and adopts the Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT) Program. This whole-of-government approach aims to stabilize energy supply, control prices, and support vulnerable sectors through financial aid.

SBMA chairman and administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño explained that the said resolution states that the

SBMA will further reduce port tariff rates by 30%, on top of the 5% reduction provided by B.R. No. 26-04-1766, for a total reduction of 35%. This includes charges on vessels, harbor fee, berthing fee/anchorage fee, harbor cleaning fee, charges on cargoes, and wharfage fees.

Aliño also announced that the SBMA will implement the reduction in transport costs and the continuation of the e-bus full fare subsidy, citing that these will be immediate and transparent as part of the agency’s relief measures to address the effects of the emergency energy crisis.

He added that these

include reducing the road-user’s fee by 50%, deferring the implementation of its programmed increase, and also continuing the implementation of free e-bus transport services for the freeport community and visitors.

Meanwhile, ETAF collection has also been suspended pending the lifting of EO 110.

Aliño clarified that these measures are temporary interventions that will be terminated upon recommendation by the SBMA when geopolitical tensions ease and supply chain conditions normalize.



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Justice for RJ Nichole Ledesma

THE NATIONAL Union of Journalists mourns the death of Paghimutad Negros writer and editor RJ Nichole Ledesma in a military operation in Negros Occidental.

According to Altermidya, of which Ledesma was a regional coordinator, he was in Toboso doing community work and reporting on renewable energy projects and their effects on farming communities when he was killed.

While we wait for the results of a fact-finding mission in Negros Occidental, we stress that Ledesma was a journalist — a duty that he had taken up even as a student at the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod, where he was editor-in-chief of student publication The Spectrum.

His death, along with that of UP USC councilor Alyssa Alano and several others, in a military operation illustrates the risks that community journalists, activists, and rights defenders face in doing their work in conflict-prone areas.

We join Altermidya and the Ledesma family in demanding justice for RJ's death.

(NUJP statement April 23, 2026)

Establishing the truth

THE PRESIDENTIAL Task Force on Media Security will look into the death of community journalist RJ Nichole Ledesma in an incident on April 19 in Toboso, Negros Occidental.

We acknowledge the conflicting narratives regarding the deceased's affiliations. Establishing the truth through a comprehensive examination of evidence is essential, in line with International Humanitarian Law and human rights standards.

PTFOMS welcomes the Commission on Human Rights' independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. It is important that all facts are thoroughly and impartially verified to ensure justice and accountability.

We reiterate our reminder to media personnel operating in conflict zones to adhere to safety protocols. Wearing vests, badges, or other markings that clearly identify journalistic status can help distinguish journalists from combatants, reducing the risk of misidentification.

While these measures cannot guarantee safety, they are important risk-reduction strategies that enable journalists to navigate dangerous environments effectively and minimize potential harm.

The loss of lives underscores the ongoing human cost of armed conflicts and the need to address their root causes to foster sustainable peace.

(PTFOMS statement April 27, 2026)



Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

An ecological and moral crisis: The Navotas Landfill Fire

A SANITARY landfill is not a dumpsite. Under Republic Act No. 9003, it must be properly sited, aligned with local land use plans, and built to protect environmentally sensitive areas. The law mandates liners, leachate collection and treatment, gas control systems, groundwater monitoring, and rigorous post-closure care.

That is precisely why the Navotas landfill fire demands more than concern — it demands accountability.

DENR-EMB has announced it is studying criminal, civil, and administrative cases against the former operator, citing an unfinished Safe Closure and Rehabilitation Plan, missing gas ventilation pipes, and a non-functioning water treatment plant. Officials have stated plainly: the fire could have been avoided. And yet here we are. Which raises an equally urgent question — why was an Environmental Compliance Certificate ever issued for a facility that apparently could not meet basic closure standards?

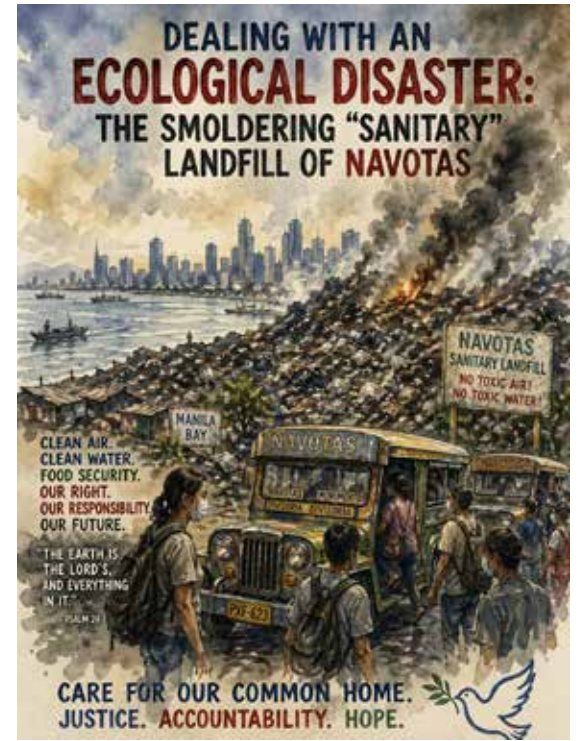
The fire has burned for days. Navotas, Malabon, and Obando have suffered the smoke. The Bureau of Fire Protection has identified ignited methane from decomposing waste — compounded by extreme heat — as a likely cause. No final legal finding has been made, but the evidence already on record raises grave questions about gas control, closure compliance, and who was watching.

This is not an isolated failure. It is part of a pattern.

RA 9003 was never meant to make landfills a permanent solution. The law requires every barangay — or cluster of barangays — to have a Materials Recovery Facility, with each LGU diverting at least 25% of waste through recycling, composting, and reuse. Yet a 2023 Commission on Audit performance audit found that as of 2021, only 16,418 of 42,046 barangays — barely 39% — were actually served by MRFs. The law exists. Compliance does not.

We have seen what happens when we ignore these warnings. The Supreme Court permanently closed the San Mateo landfill after it demonstrably harmed surrounding communities and threatened water sources. This year alone, Cebu's Binaliw landfill suffered a deadly trash slide, and another major landfill in Rodriguez, Rizal was suspended following a similar disaster. These are not accidents. They are consequences.

So, the harder questions must now be put on the table: Why are landfill projects permitted in low-lying coastal and fishpond areas — places whose ecological value includes aquaculture, food production, and water protection? If a facility threatens air quality, water quality, and the communities around it, can it honestly still be



called "sanitary"? The Clean Water Act prohibits allowing pollutants to seep into soil or groundwater. RA 9003 itself bans landfill construction on aquifers, groundwater reservoirs, and watersheds. These are not aspirational guidelines. They are legal prohibitions.

And the law gives you standing.

Under Section 52 of RA 9003, any citizen may file a civil, criminal, or administrative action against violators, negligent officials, or agencies acting inconsistently with the law — after providing 30 days' notice. The Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases further allow citizen suits and, in urgent situations, a Temporary Environmental Protection Order.

This is no longer a conversation about garbage management. It is about clean air, clean water, food security, public health, and the constitutional right to a balanced and healthful ecology. When a landfill poisons the air, endangers water sources, displaces aquaculture, and becomes a recurring fire and disaster risk, the public is not just entitled to answers — it is entitled to justice.

Who will join our collective lawsuit?

COMMENTARY

Pambansang Awit: Tugtugin, awitin alinsunod sa balangkas at arreglo ni Julian Felipe lamang

NAKATANGGAP ANG Pambansang Komisyonang Pangkasaysayan ng Pilipinas (NHCP) kamakailan ng mga sumbong tungkol sa isang short-form video reel na naka-upload sa iba't ibang mga social media platform kung saan mapapanood ang ilang mga nagkakasiyahanang mga tao na inaawit ang Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas sa hindi angkop na pamamaraan sa isang "outdoor rave party."

Hindi pa namin matukoy kung saan ang tiyak na pinagmulan ng naturang video, ngunit batay sa aming pagsisiyasat sa ilang mga lead sa social media ay naganap diumano ang naturang kasiyahan noong nakaraang Disyembre sa Estados Unidos. Sa kadahilanang walang bisa ang mga batas ng Pilipinas sa labas ng bansa, hindi magagawan ng NHCP ng karampatang legal na aksyon ang naturang insidente.

Gayunpaman, pinaaalalahanan ang mga pamayanang Pilipino sa ibayong dagat na ang mga opisyal nating mga pambansang sagisag tulad



ng Pambansang Watawat, Pambansang Awit at ang Escudo-de-Armas at Dakilang Sagisag ng Republika ay protektado mula sa

hindi wastong paggamit alinsunod sa Batas Republika Blg. 8491 (ang Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines). Partikular na nakasaad sa Seksyon 37 at 38 ng naturang batas na ang Pambansang Awit ay (1) "tugtugin o aawitin alinsunod sa balangkas at arreglo ni Julian Felipe lamang" at (2) "ipinagbabawal na tugtugin o awitin bilang libangan o pang-aliw."

Naninindigan ang NHCP na ang pagpapahayag ng pag-ibig sa sariling bansa ay bunsod ng tapat at malinis na hangarin.

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Privacy or a convenient distraction?

THE COMPLAINT filed by Manases Reyes Carpio would have us believe this is a simple case of violated rights on bank secrecy and data privacy. On paper, it sounds serious.

But let's ask the question many Filipinos are already asking: is this really about protecting rights, or avoiding the real issue?

Carpio has gone after officials from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Anti-Money Laundering Council for disclosing alleged bank transactions linked to him and Vice President Sara Duterte. The defense quickly points to the Bank Secrecy Law and the Data Privacy Act.

True, these laws exist to protect citizens.

While the complaint talks at length about how the information was revealed, it remains silent on the most basic questions. Are the accounts real? Did billions of pesos actually move through them? That silence speaks volumes.

Instead of clear answers, we are given a familiar script. Die-hard supporters step in, armed with legal jargons. The issue is reframed as "political persecution" or "privacy violation." It sounds technical and complex but avoids the core issue.

Let's simplify it.

The Anti-Money Laundering Act exists precisely to examine large and suspicious financial transactions. That is its purpose. When public officials especially those facing impeachment are involved, the standard shifts. It is no longer just about privacy but about accountability.

Lest we forget, the Constitution is clear. Public office is a public trust.

While privacy is a right, it is not absolute. It cannot be used as a shield against legitimate scrutiny, especially when public interest is at stake.

Still, the distractions continue.

Now we hear claims that "Cash on Hand"

and "Cash in Bank" can simply be lumped under "Others" in the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN). This sounds convenient but misleading. The SALN exists to make things clear, not vague. It is meant to show, in plain terms, what a public official owns and controls.

That is why experts like Heidi Mendoza have been explaining how inflows, outflows, and declared assets must align. These are not political opinions but basic rules of transparency.

And yet, instead of listening, some choose to attack the messenger.

It is a tactic that has become all too familiar. Confuse the issue, shift the focus, question the critics and then repeat until the real question gets buried.

But the public is not asking for complicated answers.

The public is asking simple ones: Are the accounts real? Did the transactions happen? Where did the money come from? Where did it go? Why are they not clearly reflected where they should be?

There is a simple way for the Vice President and her husband to end all this.

If they have nothing to hide, then they should open the records. Start by signing the bank waivers, and allow full and independent scrutiny. Let the facts and numbers decide, not narratives.

Because transparency is not a threat to their innocence as they claim. It is actually their strongest defense.

Until then, all this talk about privacy sounds less like a defense of rights but more of a carefully crafted distraction.

KOMENTARYO

Energy Shift: From disruption to direction

By **Vickee Navallo Dela Cruz - Ong**
Pampanga Business Circle

AS A business owner, the ongoing challenges surrounding the Iran Oil Crisis are a strong reminder of how quickly external events can reshape the way we operate, manage costs, and plan for the future.

The challenges linked to the Iran Oil Crisis have affected costs, supply, and overall business stability. Many are feeling the pressure.

But at the same time, we are seeing a clear shift.

As business owners and individuals, we are starting to rethink how we consume energy—not just because we want to, but because we NEED to.

We are seeing:

1. More businesses exploring solar energy to manage rising electricity costs
2. Increased interest in electric vehicles to reduce fuel dependency
3. A stronger focus on energy efficiency in daily operations
4. More conscious decisions on consumption and sustainability

What used to be a long-term consideration is now becoming an immediate priority.

And beyond cost, there is a bigger impact.

Reducing dependence on fossil fuels means lowering emissions and contributing to the fight against GLOBAL WARMING—a growing concern that affects our environment, our businesses, and future generations.

The reality is simple: THE NEED FOR CHANGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE. THE DISRUPTION ONLY ACCELERATED IT.

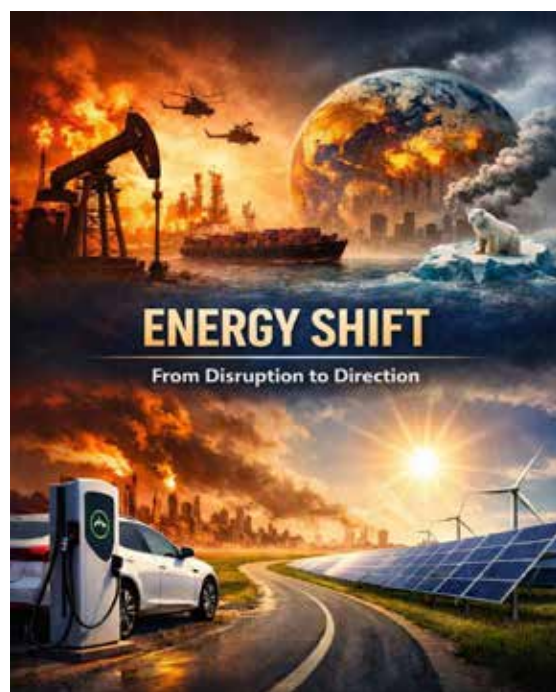
As business owners and decision-makers, our responsibility is to:

1. Adapt to changing energy realities
2. Invest in more sustainable and efficient solutions
3. Build resilience against future disruptions
4. Make decisions not only for today, but for long-term impact

Every disruption presents an opportunity.

- An opportunity to shift to better systems
- An opportunity to reduce long-term costs
- An opportunity to build more sustainable businesses.

Sometimes, change doesn't come when we are



ready. It comes when it is necessary.

This is also a reminder that in building for the future, we must continuously evaluate how we design resilience into our systems—not only in energy, but across infrastructure and connectivity.

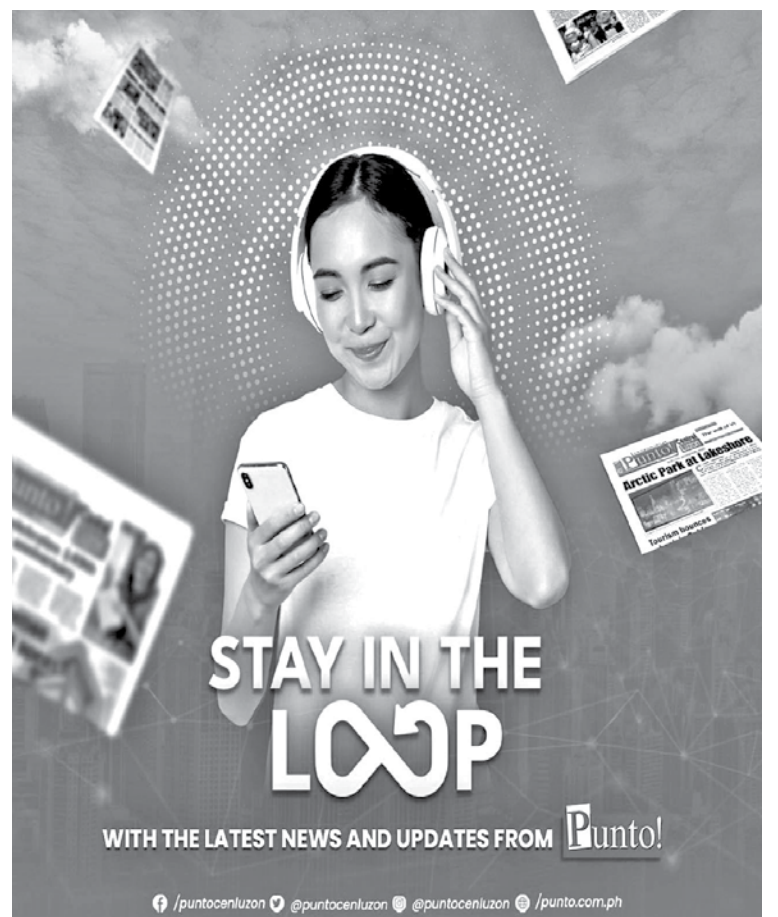
A perfect example is how today's global internet heavily relies on undersea cable networks, which are efficient but also physically concentrated and vulnerable to disruption from external risks. In contrast, satellite-based systems offer a more distributed and resilient alternative, helping ensure continuity when traditional infrastructure is affected.

The question now is not whether disruption will happen—but how prepared we are when it does.

If disruption happens again tomorrow—on energy, connectivity, or infrastructure—will we be ready?

Lifeline subsidy rate program ng gobyerno, mga consumer ang apektado

1. Naging kontrobersiyal ngayon ang Meralco na sa social media kinondena mismo ng mga consumer na nagreklamo sa dagdag singil na ipinataw nito dahil natuklasan sa mga resibo mga pass through charges na di makatao
2. Diumano ito ay na naka-itemized na sa electric bill nila nakalahad subalit ang siste ay hindi matanggap ng mamamayan ang karagdagang bayad e sino ba naman ang di mababanas sa narinig nilang mga paliwanag
3. Lifeline rate subsidy program diumano na pinatutupad ng ating gobyerno ang dagdag singil na pahirap sa tao sa pamahalaan daw dumidiretso di raw napupunta doon sa Meralco at sila ay walang pakinabang dito
4. Ito ay tulong daw ng pamahalaan para sa mahirap nating kababayan diskwento sa senior at sa mamamayan na nasa laylayan ng ating lipunan ang mga Middle class eh kumusta naman? na hindi rin sapat yaong kabuhayan
5. Sa paliwanag ay maraming umalma hindi matanggap ang ganitong sistema bakit sa middle class kailangang iasa upang isulong ang kanilang programa gobyerno dapat ang magbigay suporta di mamamayan ang kailangang magdusa
6. Kooperatiba pala'y kasali rin sa ipinataw na dagdag na bayarin pati na system loss sa'tin sisingilin na dumadagdag pa sa ating pasanin ngayong pumutok ang ganitong usapin ang gobyerno ano kaya ang gagawin?
7. Sa mga proyekto ng pamahalaan di ba lahat dapat ay makikinabang? walang taong dapat na maapektuhan upang ang layunin nila'y matugunan ang ganitong uri ng pamamaraan ng ating gobyerno'y di makatarungan



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMANITO P. GONZALES** who died on August 04, 2023, at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10 J-1, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-281123, being a portion of Lot 10-J, Psd-03-171672 situated in Barangay of Mining City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Two Hundred (200) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2025007616; before Notary Public Atty. Benito G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 205, Page No. 33, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JOHN PATRICK SIRON SURLA** of legal age, Filipino, single and residing at 0635 Gumamela St., Villa Emilia Subd., Manibaug Parolaya, Porac, Pampanga; and heirs of **ALFREDO SURLA** who died on October 17, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 9 Blk. 2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-49992, being a portion of Blk. 1, described on plan (LRC) Psd-42114, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 372), situated in BO. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 617797-R; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 2459, Page No. 13, Book No. 85, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that **FREDDIE WONG** of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of 719 White Street, Daly City, California 94015 U.S.A represented by his brother **ROMEOWONG**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of 408 Ext. 2, Dolores Crossing, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, by virtue of a duly executed and authenticated Special Power of Attorney dated March 3, 2025 at the Consulate General of the Philippines in San Francisco, U.S.A, hereinafter referred to as the Seller-Co-Owner; and heirs of deceased **ALICE WONG TULABUT** executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 9, Block 2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-44187, being a portion of Lot 1850-A-1-A-2-B-2 described on plan Psd-67273, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 138), with no improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio San Matias, Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Two (232) Square Meters and covered by Technical Description of TCT No. 163095-R; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 72, Page No. 37, Book No. XIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMEO DE GUZMAN NACU** who died on July 06, 2016, at Angeles Medical Center, Rizal St., Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a Block 112, Lot 9, Phase No. III-D, under National Housing Authority, situated at Barrio Buensuceso, Municipality of Arayat, Prov. of Pampanga, containing an area of Ninety Six (96) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Mark Andrew M. Santiago, as per Doc. No. 1549, Page No. 4, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIO G. SOLIMAN** who died on February 10, 2025 at La Paz, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

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LOCATION: Barangay of Dela Paz & San Isidro, Mun. of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three (1,953) Square Meters, More or Less

before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 313, Page No. 64, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TEODORO A. UBANDO** who died on December 08, 2006 and **CARMEN BAUTISTA UBANDO** who died on October 16, 2021; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 14, Block 13 of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-376936 approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 86-A-1, (LRC) Psd-261780, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrios of Pandan and Tabon, Angeles City; containing an area of Eighty (80) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 134412; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 2961, Page No. 09, Book No. 86, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROY PINEDA TUAZON** who died on August 03, 2021 in the Medical City, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land without improvements located at PH III-A Block 10 Lots 25 at Mexico Arayat Reset Site PH3A-PH3E Project, Mexico Arayat, Pamp.; with an area of 96.00 sqm. Pursuant to individual Notice of Award No. 517-30012-16 issued by National Housing Authority dated 12 August 2013; before Notary Public Atty. Dennis B. Puno, as per Doc. No. 311, Page No. 64, Book No. XXV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AMADO Q. GARCIA** who died on July 30, 2024 at Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated in Barangay of Sta. Maria, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Seven Hundred Eighteen (718) Square Meters Lot No. 342-B-12-P, Plan No. Psd-03-233159; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2018010870; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 1244, Page No. 057, Book No. XXX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERTO M. SANCHEZ** who died on September 1, 2021 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga Philippines and **ELIZABETH SANCHEZ** who died on December 10, 2004; executed an Affidavit of Revocation of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFERCERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 167236-R

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 19 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-233161, being a portion of Lot 3, (LRC) Psd-229572, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 372) situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty One (251) Square Meters."

TRANSFERCERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 507733-R

A parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 19 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-233161, being a portion of Lot 3, (LRC) Psd-229572, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 372) situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters."

before Notary Public Atty. Paul Nikon T. Alcayro, as per Doc. No. 286, Page No. 9, Book No. X, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SOTERO SALUNGA** who died on July 08, 2019 in Mexico, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale of a Portion of the Land on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10-B-1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-174628, being a portion of Lot 1-B, (LRA) Psd-405450 L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Gandus, Mun. of Mexico, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Thousand Fifty Six (2,056) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 699821-R Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde Chan REB, as per Doc. No. 619, Page No. 40, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROGELIO DIZON VERGARA** who died on March 15, 2022 in Bacolor, Pampanga and **VINCENT VEGA VERGARA** who died on January 19, 2026 in Bacolor, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFERCERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 168649-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 2867-C-8 of the subd. plan Psd-03-000639, being a portion of Lot 2867-C, (LRC) Psd-257511, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Antonio, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty Seven (187) Square Meters."

TRANSFERCERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 280200-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 1 of the consolidation and subd. plan Pcs-03-000715, being a portion of Lot 2867-B-1, 2867-B-7, Psd-03-000640, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Antonio, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Seventeen (217) Square Meters."

before Notary Public Atty. Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 353, Page No. 72, Book No. XCV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARIEL VILLAROMAN PINEDA** who died on October 17, 2022; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005565

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Five Hundred Forty Nine (549) Square Meters;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005564

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Five Hundred Forty Nine (549) Square Meters;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005566

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Victor Greg C. Sarmiento, as per Doc. No. 269, Page No. 55, Book No. 01, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PAQUITO AGUILA MANALANG** who died on June 16, 2025 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with General Renunciation of Inheritance on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18 of the subdivision plan, BSD-03-002113 (OLT) being a portion of lot 1, Bcs-03-000135 (OLT) L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Three (303) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 25930 (Emancipation Patent No. 00727759), before Notary Public Atty. Felipe P. Mallari III, as per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 39, Book No. W, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY**

CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC.,
Mortgagee,

**FC Case No. 2025-0179
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED**

- versus -

JAYPEE EDRADAN SAMEJON,
Mortgagor/Borrower,

X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the **Mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC.,** with principal place of business at CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the **Mortgagor/Borrower JAYPEE EDRADAN SAMEJON** with known address at 5-14 Don Pepe Circle, Barangay Malabnias, Angeles City, Pampanga in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of September 30, 2025 amounts to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO PESOS AND SEVENTY-ONE CENTAVOS (Php1,501,172.71)**, Philippine Currency, principal, including interest, penalty, and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **May 27, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court of Magalang, Pampanga**, Legislative Building and Hall of Justice Municipal Compound, San Nicolas 1, Magalang, Pampanga, will sell at public auction for **CASH, MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following parcels of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2023006262

**LOT NO: 24 BLOCK NO: 34 PLAN NO: PCS-03-023814
PORTION OF: CONS-SUBD OF LOTS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, PSD-03-154386 (AR), LOTS A, B, C, PCS-03-015233 (AR) & LOT 458, MAGALANG CAD.**

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**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF STO. ROSARIO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON.**

BOUNDARIES:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NE LOT 12, BLOCK 34, PCS-03-023814
2-3 SE LOT 25, BLOCK 34, PCS-03-023814
3-4 SW ROAD LOT 42, PCS-03-023814
4-1 NW LOT 23, BLOCK 34, PCS-03-023814

**TIE POINT: BBM NO. 28, CAD 95, MAGALANG CADASTRE
AREA: FORTY FOUR (44) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel/s of land for their information and protection.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 24, 2026 at same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 11, 2026.

YVES GABRIEL V. GADIA
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

China Bank Savings Inc.
CBS Bldg. No. 314 Sen Gil Puyat Ave.,
Makati City

Jaypee Edradan Samejon
(1) Lot 24, Block 34, Phirst Park, Homes,
Magalang, Ph1A, Brgy. Sto. Rosario
Magalang, Pamp
(2) 1611-B Sitio Saudi, Brgy. Malabnias AC
(3) Purok 5, Brgy. Amsic, AC

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026



CENTRAL COUNTRY ESTATE, INC.,
Applicant.
x-----x

Case No. 26-4128

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is the application of **Central Country Estate, Inc.** filed on 25 March 2026, for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within The Lakeshore Subdivision, Barangays Nueva Victoria, Divisoria, San Rafael and Panipuan, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga.

PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

Pipe Size	0-5 cu.m.	6-10 cu.m.	11-20 cu.m.	21-30 cu.m.	31-40 cu.m.	Over 40 cu.m.
½"	₱ 203.00 (min)	42.60/m ³	44.60/m ³	48.70/m ³	54.80/m ³	60.80/m ³

Commercial and Industrial

Pipe Size	0-15 cu.m.	16-30 cu.m.	31-500 cu.m.	501-1000 cu.m.	Over 1000 cu.m.
½"	₱ 1,216.50 (min)	85.20/m ³	93.30/m ³	105.50/m ³	121.70/m ³

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **11 May 2026**. The hearing will start at **9:00 o' clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least **fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing**, applicant shall publish this notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 7th day of April 2026.

By Authority of the Board:


DR. SEVIL D. DAVID, JR., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:

The Secretary
Sangguniang Bayan
Mexico, Pampanga

The Barangay Chairman
Barangays Nueva Victoria,
Divisoria, San Rafael & Panipuan
Mexico, Pampanga

The Homeowners Assn. President
The Lakeshore Subdivision
Barangays Nueva Victoria
Divisoria, San Rafael & Panipuan
Mexico, Pampanga



Ano ang Septage Management Program?

Ito ay pambansang programa sa ilalim ng Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 o Republic Act No. 9275. Layunin nito na mapanatili ang kalidad at kalinisan ng tubig na ating iniinom at ginagamit. Kasama dito ang masinop na pamamahala sa ating septage o maruming tubig mula sa mga indibiduwal na septic tanks o pozonegro.

Bakit ito mahalaga at dapat ipatupad?

Isang paraan ang septage management upang masiguro na hindi ma-kontamina ang tubig sa ilalim ng lupa at maging sa mga kailugan. Tandaan na dito natin kinukuha ang suplay ng tubig na ating iniinom at ginagamit araw-araw. Kapag ang tubig ay kontaminado, ito ay nagiging sanhi ng iba't-ibang mga sakit.

Ano-ano bang sakit ang nakukuha natin kapag marumi ang tubig na ating iniinom o ginagamit?

Ang mga karaniwang sakit dala ng kontaminadong tubig ay diarrhea o viral gastroenteritis, cholera o acute diarrheal infection, typhoid fever, amoebiasis, Hepatitis A, dysentery, at iba pa. Ang mga bacteria o virus na sanhi ng mga sakit na ito ay nabubuhay sa maruming tubig.

Paano tayo makakatulong upang mapanatiling ligtas at malinis ang ating tubig?

Makipagtulungan sa pamahalaan at sa ating mga water suppliers o septage service providers. Ipalinis ang ating pozonegro kapag puno na at siguraduhing hindi tatagas sa lupa at sa ating aquifer (pondohan ng tubig sa ilalim ng lupa) ang maruming tubig. Ang mahalagang paalalang ito ay hatid ng BALIBAGO WATERWORKS at ng SOLIMAN E.C.

(IN ENGLISH)
NOTICE OF BRANCH CLOSURE AND RELOCATION

Notice is hereby given to all clients, customers, and the general public that: **J TANGRAW GROUP OF PAWNSHOPS, INC. – PLAZANG LUMA** located at Purok 2, Plazang Luma, Arayat, Pampanga will cease operations effective May 4, 2026, pursuant to the decision of management. In line with this, all pawn transactions, pledged items, and records will be safely transferred and consolidated to:

ROYAL HOUSE JEWELRY & PAWNSHOP (ARAYAT), INC. – PLAZANG LUMA

Location: Plazang Luma, Arayat, Pampanga Pampanga
Contact Details
Phone: 0905-175-3395
Email: rh.plazangluma@jtanglawgroup.com
Business Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:00am - 6:00pm, Sunday-Holiday 8:00am - 5:00pm

All existing pawn ticket and loan details shall remain valid and honored. All clients are hereby advised that they may continue to transact, redeem, renew, or claim their pledged items at the Royal House Jewelry & Pawnshop (Arayat), Inc. – Plazang Luma Branch.

(IN FILIPINO)
ABISO NG PAGSASARA AT PAGLIPAT NG OPERASYON

Ipinapaalam sa lahat ng kliyente, kostumer, at sa pangkalahatang publiko na ang: **J TANGRAW GROUP OF PAWNSHOPS, INC. – PLAZANG LUMA** na matatagpuan Purok 2, Plazang Luma, Arayat, Pampanga ay magsasara simula Mayo 4, 2026, alinsunod sa desisyon ng pamunuan.

Kaugnay nito, ang lahat ng sangla, transaksyon, rekord, at mga nakasanglang bagay ay ligtas na ililipat at pagsasamahin sa:

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Ang lahat ng kasalukuyang pawn ticket at mga detalye ng loan ay mananatiling valid at kikilalanin. Pinapayuhan ang lahat ng kliyente na maaari silang magpatuloy sa pagtransaksyon, pagtubos (redeem), pag-renew, o pagkuha ng kanilang mga sangla sa Royal House Jewelry & Pawnshop (Arayat), Inc. – Plazang Luma Branch.

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J TANGRAW GROUP OF PAWNSHOPS, INC – SAN MATIAS BRANCH

Location: Mc Arthur Highway, San Matias, Santo Tomas, Pampanga
Contact Details
Phone: 0905-735-6168
Email: tp.sanmatias@jtanglawgroup.com
Business Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:00am - 6:00pm, Sunday-Holiday 8:00am - 5:00pm

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Youth art set to turn into wearable chic in Porac



BY GERALD GLOTON

MASINLOC, ZAMBALES

— Some 1,500 farmers and 4,500 households, including indigenous peoples, are expected to benefit from a P727-million farm-to-market road (FMR) project in Masinloc, Zambales, which aims to improve transport connectivity and expand economic opportunities in the area.

PORAC, PAMPANGA

— Creativity is set to take on new form as young artists prepare to see their works transformed into functional, wearable art in this municipality. Originally created during the Nature's Color Carnival held last March 14, the artworks captured the uninhibited

imagination of children inspired by nature. Now, these painted canvases are poised to be reimaged into tote bags, pouches, and aprons, giving each piece a renewed purpose beyond display.

Leading the transformation is renowned Kapampangan couturier Philip Torres of House of Pidayit, who will guide local dressmaking trainees under the Municipal Community Training and Skills Development Office, headed by Myla Isip. The collaboration aims not only to refine craftsmanship but also to empower participants with practical skills.

The project is mounted by the Porac LGU through its tourism

office in partnership with Vision Doers Collective Art, bringing together artists and artisans in a shared effort to promote sustainability and community-driven creativity.

Porac tourism officer Gem Marimla emphasized that the initiative reflects a deeper vision for tourism and cultural development, where local stories are translated into tangible creations.

With the collection to be handcrafted by local trainees of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and soon to be unveiled, Porac continues to shape a narrative where art is not only seen, but soon to be worn.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the Environmental Performance Report and Management Plan (EPRMP) of the proposed *expansion of the Poultry Farm Project* of STARFARMS AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION located in Barangay Macabucod, Aliaga, Nueva Ecija

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the project. Please refer to the following details:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
May 14, 2026 (Thursday)	10:00 AM (Registration starts at 09:30 AM)	Barangay Covered Court, Macabucod, Aliaga, Nueva Ecija

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EPRMP, which is being conducted by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB).

The Project Information is provided below:

Project Name	Proposed Poultry Farm Expansion Project
Project Location	Barangay Macabucod, Aliaga, Nueva Ecija
Project Type	2.2.7c Livestock Animal Industries (Livestock/ Poultry Projects)
Project Area/ Capacity	Stocking Population- 400,000 birds
Project Rationale	Based on the EPRMP, it stated that, "The poultry farm project is intended to produce poultry products for the local market. It seeks to take advantage of the growing demand for poultry products and to provide a reliable source of income for local farmers. The farm will also provide a breeding program to ensure the quality and health of the poultry and it will also focus on environmental sustainability, to reduce the negative impacts of intensive poultry farming on the environment. This will involve a range of initiatives, such as using renewable energy sources, reducing pesticide and fertilizer use, and taking measures to reduce water and air pollution. The project also seeks to create jobs for local people, both in the production of poultry products and in the maintenance of the farm. This will help to boost the local economy, as well as providing an income for those involved in the project"
Project Components	The project is composed of Cages/Pens/Enclosures, Support Facilities, Storage rooms, deep well, wastewater treatment facility, and, Materials Recovery Facility
Proponent	STARFARMS AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsregion3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to same email at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The Environmental Performance Report and Management Plan (EPRMP) together with its Executive Summary for the Public (in English and Filipino) is posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) > **Notice Board** > **Notice of Public Hearing** and copies will be available at the Barangay Hall of Macabucod, Aliaga, Nueva Ecija.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106 or 0907-721-5572.

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Ang lahat ng kasalukuyang pawn ticket at mga detalye ng loan ay mananatiling valid at kikilalanin. Pinapayuhan ang lahat ng kliyente na maaari silang magpatuloy sa pagtransaksyon, pagtubos (redeem), pag-renew, o pagkuha ng kanilang mga sangla sa J Tanglaw Group of Pawnshops, Inc – San Matias Branch.

NOTICE OF BULK SALE

Notice is hereby given that **MANNYTIME FITNEPS, INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at B2 111-117 SM Clark, MA Roxas St., Malabñas, City of Angeles 2009, Pampanga, Philippines (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell, transfer, and convey to **ASPIRE FIT ASIA, INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at 105 Marche St., Santarosa Village 2, Brgy. Don Jose, Santa Rosa City, Laguna 4026, Philippines (the "Buyer"), all or substantially all of the Seller's business assets used in the operation of the Anytime Fitness clubs located at Vista Mall, San Fernando, Pampanga and SM Clark, Dau, Pampanga, by way of an asset purchase.

The assets covered by this sale include all or substantially all of the Seller's business assets used in the operation of the Anytime Fitness clubs located at Vista Mall, San Fernando, Pampanga and SM Clark, Dau, Pampanga, including equipment, furniture, fixtures, inventory, and other personal property used in the operation of the aforementioned clubs, as more particularly described in the inventory prepared in compliance with the Bulk Sales Law (Act No. 3952). The Buyer acquires assets only and assumes only such liabilities as are expressly defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement.

The sale and transfer of the above-described assets is scheduled on April 15, 2026.

This Notice is published for the purpose of giving constructive notice to all interested parties, and to allow all creditors of the Seller to take such steps as they may be entitled to under Act No. 3952 and other applicable laws. **MANNYTIME FITNEPS, INC.** By: Emmanuel Joseph M. Nepomuceno, Chairman

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19 & 26, 2026

SM City Pampanga Goes Gala to the Max with Castaway 2026

CELEBRATING over a decade of music and culture, the 11th Castaway 2026 Music Festival drew a 30,000-strong crowd to SM City Pampanga Amphitheater for a summer gala to remember.

The event created a fun and welcoming space where music fans gathered to enjoy live performances and share memorable moments.

Led by MAKI, the festival featured performances by Typecast, Dilaw, Angela Ken, Rangel, Fina, DNA, It All Started In May, Barabbas, and AIOS.

With a dynamic mix of sounds and strong crowd support, Castaway once again proved why it remains a beloved, long-running music event in the region.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TEODULO MANALO** who died on July 23, 2000 at San Fernando, Pampanga and **HERMINIA E. MANALO** who died on February 12, 2026 in San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 27588 (EP No. 00763643)

"A parcel of land (Lot 17 of the subd. plan, Psd-03-0100281 (AR) being a portion of lot 325, Cad. 72 Mexico Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of San Isidro Laug, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six (13,866) square meters, more or less."

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 27554 (EP No. 00763661)

"A parcel of land (Lot 63 of the subd. plan, Psd-03-0100281 (AR) being a portion of lot 325, Cad. 72 Mexico Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of San Isidro Laug, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five (1,135) square meters, more or less."

before Notary Public Atty. Lennard S. Canilao, as per Doc. No. 362, Page No. 74, Book No. IV, Series of 2026.

Puntol Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Region III – Central Luzon



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to comment or raise concerns on the four (4) SUBIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION for its **FOUR (4) PROPOSED TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL (TSD) FACILITY** projects to be located at the following sites: **Building 8B-8B**, Industrial Lot 30, 3rd Street, Industrial District; **Building M5A**, Industrial Lot 15, 2nd Street, Industrial District; **Building N8-1 And N8-2**, Industrial Lot 44b, 5th Street, Industrial District; and Unit A-B, **Building S7**, Industrial Lot 07A-3, Partly Street, Industrial District, all within Tipo Hightech Eco Park, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, in relation to its application for an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

The Public Hearing schedule is provided below:

Date	Time	Venue
May 12, 2026 (Tuesday)	10:00 AM Registration starts at 9:30 AM	Barangay Covered Court, Barangay Tipo, Hermosa, Bataan

The Public Hearing, which will be facilitated by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), is being conducted as part of the review of the EIS in accordance with the requirements under DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2017-15, *Guidelines on Public Participation under the PEISS*.

The project details are provided in the table below:

Project Name	Proposed Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Dismantling and Export Facility project
Project Location	-Building 8B-8B, Industrial Lot 30, 3rd Street, Industrial District; -Building M5A, Industrial Lot 15, 2nd Street, Industrial District; -Building N8-1 And N8-2, Industrial Lot 44b, 5th Street, Industrial District -Unit A-B, Building S7, Industrial Lot 07A-3, Partly Street, Industrial District, all within Tipo Hightech Eco Park, Subic Bay Freeport Zone
Project Type	Hazardous waste treatment, recycling, and disposal facility; recycling facility for non-hazardous materials
Project Area/ Capacity	-500,000 MT/year (WEEE) - each -65,000 MT/year (non-hazardous industrial waste) - each
Project Rationale	Based on the EIS: -Local Economic Development The proposed project supports the continuing industrial and economic development of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone and the broader Central Luzon region. The Freeport Zone has been developed as a major industrial and logistics hub intended to attract environmentally responsible industries that contribute to economic growth while maintaining environmental compliance. The proposed project complements these development objectives by providing a facility for the dismantling, recovery, and management of electronic wastes generated by industrial and commercial activities. The establishment of the proposed project strengthens the waste management infrastructure available to industries operating within the Freeport Zone and nearby economic areas. By supporting responsible material recovery and recycling, the proposed project contributes to sustainable industrial practices and improved resource efficiency. This is consistent with national and regional development thrusts that promote sustainable production, waste reduction, and circular economy initiatives as part of long-term economic development strategies. In addition, the proposed project contributes to the overall competitiveness of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone by providing specialized services that support the operations of other

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Tel. No.: (045) 963-3623 | Email: recordsr3@emb.gov.ph
Website: r3.emb.gov.ph



industrial locators. The development of such supporting industrial activities reinforces the role of the Freeport Zone as a center for eco-industrial development and helps attract continued investments within the region.

-Economic and social benefits

The proposed project is expected to generate economic and social benefits primarily through employment generation and support for related economic activities. During the construction phase, the proposed project will require skilled and semi-skilled workers for site preparation, building works, and installation of equipment. Once operational, the proposed project will require personnel for dismantling operations, technical supervision, facility management, and administrative functions. The operation of the proposed project will also support associated economic activities such as transportation and logistics services, equipment maintenance, material handling, and other services necessary for the movement and management of recyclable materials. These activities contribute to local economic circulation and provide additional income opportunities for service providers and suppliers operating within and around the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. Furthermore, the proposed project promotes responsible environmental management by ensuring that electronic wastes are properly dismantled, segregated, and prepared for recycling or export in accordance with applicable environmental regulations. By providing a structured system for managing these waste streams, the proposed project supports environmental protection while contributing to sustainable economic development at both the regional and national levels.

Project Components	Receiving area, sorting and segregation areas, dismantling area, storage areas, loading/unloading area, administrative offices, worker welfare facilities
Proponent	ENJOY ELECTRONICS SUBIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsregion3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to same email at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The four (4) sets of draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Executive Summary for the Public (in English and Filipino) are posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) > **Notice Board > Notice of Public Hearing** and copies will be available at the Barangay Hall of Tipo, Hermosa, Bataan.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106 or 0907-721-5572.



R3-2026-012556



Career Opportunity in: **CONQUEST PHILS. INC.**

Position title	1 (ONE) PRODUCTION SPECIALIST
Job Description:	- Handle and process materials per work instructions and procedures - Perform quality and performance testing per work instructions and procedures - Use process equipment and tooling per work instructions and procedures - Perform at an acceptable rate of throughput - Complete documentation per procedures - Maintain tools, equipment and work areas - Communicate upstream any in-line material or process issues - Can speak, read and write in Mandarin Language - Salary Range: 30,000 – 50, 000/month
Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):	- With experience in fashion design, textile studies and garment technology
Applications may be sent to: lowellyn@conquestphils.com	
Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name Conquest Phils, Inc. Bldg. 7457 ; 7459 & 7469 along M.L. Quezon Street, Civil Aviation Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga, Philippines Nature of business: Export Garments Manufacturing	Name: XIAOHONG WANG Address: 28-18 Balibayan Street, Carmenville Subdivision, Angeles City 2009 Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: One (1) year
CONQUEST PHILS. INC. hereby declares that Mr. Xiaohong Wang is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Production Specialist. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.	
Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication Please inform Department of Labor and Employment – Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.	

Career Opportunity in: **CONQUEST PHILS. INC.**

Position title	3 (THREE) PRODUCTION CONSULTANT
Job Description:	- K1 Pattern Expert - Knowledgeable in Sewing Techniques - Exceptional Technical Skills - Can speak, read and write in Mandarin Language - Salary Range: 30,000 – 50, 000/month
Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):	- Preferably with technical experience in making soft piece - Technical expert experience with RL Brand specifically line dress
Applications may be sent to: Lowellyn J. Magbag lowellyn@conquestphils.com	
Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name Conquest Phils, Inc. Bldg. 7457 ; 7459 & 7469 along M.L. Quezon Street, Civil Aviation Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga, Philippines Nature of business: Export Garments Manufacturing	Name: Longhui Liao/Sirong Cheng & Zhenjun Shen Address: 28-18 Balibayan Street, Carmenville Subdivision, Angeles City 2009 Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: One (1) year
CONQUEST PHILS. INC. hereby declares that Mr. Longhui Liao, Mr. Sirong Cheng & Mr. Zhenjun Shen are able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Production Consultant. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.	
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SBMA further...

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"The SBMA's move to reduce port tariff rates and continue the full fare subsidy for e-buses is in support of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s thrust to ensure stability in the country during this State of National Energy Emergency in the Philippines due to global oil supply disruptions and rising prices," Aliño furthered.

These strategic measures shall apply to all stakeholders and industry participants whose operations are affected by the prevailing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. The implementation of these interventions was designed to generate a beneficial cascading effect throughout the maritime supply chain.

These include primary beneficiaries such as importers, suppliers, consignees, vessel owners, and end-consumers, as well as operational intermediaries such as terminal operators, cargo handlers, customs brokers, consolidators, processors, shipping agents, and shipping lines.



Father John Paul Cabrera, parish priest of Nuestra Señora de la Merced in Candaba, Pampanga, and Father Rodolfo Lemus of the Mercedarian Order present a letter of spiritual affiliation between their churches as San Fernando Archbishop Florentino Lavarias looks on during Mass at Candaba Church on April 28. **PHOTO: NORMAN DEQUZA/CBCP NEWS**

Candaba parish church spiritually twinned with Barcelona basilica

BY PUNTO NEWS TEAM /CBCP NEWS

CANDABA, PAMPANGA -- "The first thing we realize about Mary is that she is very attentive, always aware, always noticing others' needs. She is the mother of mercy, always attentive to the voice of her children."

Thus, said Archbishop Charles Brown, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, in his homily during the solemn spiritual twinning of Nuestra Señora de la Merced Parish in Barangay Bahay Pare here and the Basilica de la Mercè in Barcelona, Spain on April 28.

Brown noted that authentic devotion to the Virgin Mary must inspire mercy and service, not empty ritual, amid growing digital distraction.

"We spend a lot of our time focusing on something about six inches from our nose, our cellphones. We're not aware, attentive to what might be going

on around us," he said.

To De la Merced priest Fr. John Paul Cabrera, the twinning represents a living spiritual bond, linking shared grace with a renewed mission of service. "This is not just a title. It also includes a mission."

Church tradition holds that the devotion to Our Lady of Mercy (Virgen de la Merced) originated in Spain when the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Peter Nolasco, King James I, and St. Raymond of Peñafort in 1218, requesting the creation of an order dedicated to ransoming captives. Hence, Virgen de la Merced is also known as Our Lady of Ransom. The Order of Our Lady of Mercy (Mercedarians) was officially established on Aug. 10, 1218, in the Cathedral of Santa Eulalia in Barcelona.

The Nuestra Señora de la Merced image reached Pampanga in the 18th century through missionary efforts,

where local devotion grew through reported miracles and healings.

Earlier in the day, a reception at the municipal hall was held for the papal nuncio. "Isang makabuluhan at mapagpalang araw ang pagdating ng ating minamahal na Arsobispo Charles John Brown para isagawa ang pormal na pahayag ng espirituwal na ugnayan ng parokya ng Nuestra Señora de la Merced, Bahay Pare at Basilika ng La Mercè, Barcelona," said acting Mayor Thelma Macapagal in her welcome remarks.

"Ang inyong pagdalo ay isang biyaya at malinaw na tanda ng malasakit ng Santo Papa sa amin. Sa inyong paglilingkod sa Simbahan sa iba't ibang panig ng mundo, at ngayon sa inyong misyon dito sa amin, isinasabuhay ninyo ang pangako na itaguyod ang pananampalataya, diyalogo, at kapayapaan," she said.



Career Opportunity in : **CONQUEST PHILS. INC.**

Position title

1 (ONE) FINANCE MANAGER

Job Description:

- Ensuring invoices are properly approved and coded in the general ledger.
- Cash flow management, monitoring and balancing cash flows into and out of a business to meet obligations and optimize investment.
- Coordinating with external financial, compliance and tax auditors.
- Creating and monitoring company policies and internal controls, especially spending controls, to safeguard company assets and reduce fraud.
- Assisting or fully creating the budget, including incorporating historical data.
- Administering loan agreements for company borrowings and collecting moneys owed to the company from customers.
- Developing financial strategy, including risk minimization plans and opportunity forecasting.
- Ensuring compliance with local law, tax provisions and relevant industry and financial regulations.
- Identifying efficiencies and opportunities for cost reductions across the business.
- Handling payroll processing and labor tax compliance.
- Advising company managers on operations activities based on knowledge of the underlying business. a senior-level financial professional responsible for overseeing all aspects of a company's accounting and financial operations, including financial reporting, budgeting, and
- Can speak, read and write in Mandarin Language
- Salary Range: 30,000 – 50, 000/month

Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):
- With 10 years experience in Finance & Management

Applications may be sent to:
lowellyn@conquestphils.com

Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name Conquest Phils.Inc. Bldg. 7457 ; 7459 & 7469 along M.L. Quezon Street, Civil Aviation Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga, Philippines Nature of business: Export Garments Manufacturing	Name: SAU YING CHAN Address: Block 25 Lot 15 Phoebe Lane, Sunset Estate, Angeles City 2009 Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: One (1) year

CONQUEST PHILS. INC. hereby declares that Ms. Sau Ying Chan is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Finance Manager.
The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.
If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

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Career Opportunity in **CONQUEST PHILS. INC.**

Position title

1 (ONE) SAMPLE ROOM CONSULTANT

Job Description:

- Managing sample room activities, implementing sampling procedures, issuing tech packs, supporting technical aspects of design and production
- Can speak, read and write in Mandarin Language
- Salary Range: 30,000 – 50, 000/month

Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):
- With experience in Organization Design and Development or Garment Fashion and Design

Applications may be sent to:
lowellyn@conquestphils.com

Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name Conquest Phils.Inc. Bldg. 7457 ; 7459 & 7469 along M.L. Quezon Street, Civil Aviation Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga, Philippines Nature of business: Export Garments Manufacturing	Name: FEI CHENG Address: 28-18 Balibkayan Street, Carmenville Subdivision, Angeles City 2009 Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: One (1) year

CONQUEST PHILS. INC. hereby declares that Ms. Fei Cheng is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Sample Room Consultant.
The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.
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Career Opportunity in **CONQUEST PHILS. INC.**

Position title

1 (ONE) GENERAL MANAGER

Job Description:

- Operations Management
- Development and Implementation of plans
- Strategic Planning
- Oversee budget, control cost, drive revenue growth evaluate financial reports to ensure
- Evaluate financial reports to ensure profitability
- Fostering a productive, safe, and positive company culture that promotes employees growth
- Can speak, read and write in Mandarin Language
- Salary Range: 30,000 – 50, 000/month

Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):
- With 10 years experience in Fashion Design, Textile Studies and Garment Technology

Applications may be sent to:
lowellyn@conquestphils.com

Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name Conquest Phils.Inc. Bldg. 7457 ; 7459 & 7469 along M.L. Quezon Street, Civil Aviation Complex, Clark Freeport Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga, Philippines Nature of business: Export Garments Manufacturing	Name: YIN FONG VENUS CHAN Address: 28-18 Balibkayan Street, Carmenville Subdivision, Angeles City 2009 Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: Two (2) years

CONQUEST PHILS. INC. hereby declares that Ms. Yin Fong Venus Chan is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for General Manager.
The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.
If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

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DigiPlus Foundation Donates P6 Million to Philippine Red Cross for Emergency Response in Cavite

As the demand for faster and more efficient humanitarian response continues to rise, DigiPlus Foundation, the social responsibility arm of the country's pioneer in digital entertainment, DigiPlus Interactive Corp., has formalized its partnership with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) marking a P6 million commitment to support the upgrade of PRC's facilities in Cavite. Building on previous collaborations focused primarily on blood donation initiatives, this partnership marks the first major infrastructure-focused project between the two organizations.

Under the DigiPlus Foundation's KalusuganPLUS program, this partnership aims to enhance emergency response capabilities, strengthen blood service operations, and improve community resilience across Cavite and nearby areas. Also, ensuring that communities are better equipped to respond to emergencies, disasters, and critical health needs.

The 6-million pesos donation will be used to upgrade the facility of the Philippine Red Cross to expand its operational capacity, enhancing its ability to deliver timely assistance, mobilize resources more effectively, and provide life-saving services at scale. The improved facilities are expected to support key functions such as emergency

response coordination, blood services, volunteer training, and community-based programs.

"At DigiPlus Foundation, we believe that meaningful impact comes from building solutions that last. Through this commitment,

Foundation Board Director Jasper Vicencio shared during the ceremony that "Our partnership with the Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter is rooted in a shared purpose—to be there when people need help the most." He

systems and infrastructure that directly benefit communities—moving beyond one-time assistance toward lasting solutions.

The new Red Cross building will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to

with local organizations.

For the Philippine Red Cross, the upgraded facilities are expected to significantly enhance both preparedness and response capabilities, enabling more efficient coordination during

emergencies, expand our blood services, and serve more communities across Cavite. Partnerships like this are essential in helping us save more lives and strengthen our reach," said Gilbert Cesar Remulla, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter.

As one of the country's leading humanitarian organizations, the Philippine Red Cross plays a vital role in disaster response, health services, and community-based initiatives. Strengthening its infrastructure in Cavite is expected to further enhance its capacity to serve areas that are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and public health challenges.

This partnership forms part of DigiPlus Foundation's broader mission to "multiply the good" by working alongside trusted institutions to deliver meaningful and measurable impact. By investing in infrastructure that supports emergency response, healthcare access, and community preparedness, the Foundation continues to contribute to building safer, stronger, and more resilient communities.

Moving forward, both organizations are committed to ensuring the effective implementation of the project, guided by transparency, accountability, and a shared vision of sustained impact.



More than a building, it is a lifeline: DigiPlus Foundation and Philippine Red Cross have formalized their partnership to strengthen continuous humanitarian support, advancing community resilience and making healthcare more accessible for all. (In photo from left to right: Angela Camins-Wieneke, DigiPlus Foundation's Executive Director; Jasper Vicencio, Board of Trustee of DigiPlus Foundation; Gilbert Remulla, Chairman of Board of Trustee of Philippine Red Cross – Cavite Chapter; Ms Adelina B. Castillo, Philippine Red Cross-Cavite Chapter Administrator)

we are investing in stronger emergency response, better access to essential services, and more resilient communities as we continue to multiply the good," said Ms. Angela Camins-Wieneke, Executive Director of DigiPlus Foundation.

AB Leisure Exponent, Inc. President and DigiPlus

added, "We are grateful to be part of this journey with the Red Cross as we create together something that will serve generations to come."

The partnership highlights DigiPlus Foundation's continued focus on creating sustainable, long-term impact by investing in

enhance service capacity, featuring a modern disaster operations center, a spacious blood center, multipurpose training rooms, and comfortable community meeting spaces. It will enable faster crisis response, support larger blood drives, provide training and workshops, and foster collaboration

emergencies and improved delivery of humanitarian services across the province.

"This support from DigiPlus Foundation is a meaningful contribution to our mission of providing timely and effective humanitarian assistance. With improved facilities, we will be better

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ELMA MALLARI GOZUN**, of legal age, widow, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Blk. 19, Lot 3, NHA Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga; and heirs of **JERRY C. GOZUN** who died on July 10, 2025 at Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Absolute Sale on his/her estate, and left his rights and interest over a certain property situated in Block 104, Lot 4, Pampanga Housing Project, Mexico, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 316, Page No. 64, Book No. XCIV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BERNADETTE SEVA BUHAYO** who died on November 13, 2021 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Supplemental Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 21 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-017498, being a portion of Lots 155 Angeles Cadastre & 156-A, 156-E & 156-F Psd-035401-053233 and Lots 156-D-1 to 156-D-5 Psd-03-084480 L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barro of San Isidro, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Forty Four (144) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 045-2018006070; before Notary Public Atty. Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc. No. 914, Page No. 16, Book No. XXV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LUNITA CRUZ DIZON** who died on August 28, 2025 in Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2025009492

LOT NO: 3-A. **PLAN NO:** PSD-03-282525
PORTION OF: LOT 3 PSD-03-012696
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAN ILDEFONSO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON
AREA: FIVE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

before Notary Public Atty. Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc. No. 908, Page No. 14, Book No. XXV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HENRY C. SWIN** who died on December 18, 2020 residing at 1115, Apple Avenue, San Francisco, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 5 of the subd. plan Psd-58310, being a portion of Lot 354-B-2-B described on plan Psd-5611 (LRC) LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 510154-R-R; before Notary Public Atty. Alfredo O. Abarillo, as per Doc. No. 458, Page No. 231, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NOEL REYES SAMBILE** who died on November 3, 2021 at Laug, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 13 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-0100281 (AR) being a portion of Lot 325, Cad. 72 Mexico Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. ___), situated in the Barro of San Isidro, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One (5,391) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 042-2017011198; before Notary Public Atty. Jocel Elid E. Espinola, as per Doc. No. 465, Page No. 94, Book No.VII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 26, May 3 & 10, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODOLFO C. LOCQUIAO** who died on May 03, 2025 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Brgy. Saguin City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 6 of the subd. plan BCS-03-00099 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 2479 & 2129, Cad 72 Mexico Cadastre,) situated in the BO. of Brgy. Anao, Mun. of Mexico, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five (6,195) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 25335 Emancipation Patent No. 00779121; before Notary Public Atty. Carlota Dela Cruz-Manalo, as per Doc. No. 245, Page No. 70, Book No. 110, Series of 2026.

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GameZone Launches Exclusive 'GameZone Classic Burger' Collaboration with Tropical Hut



Influencers Noel Dela Cruz, Maine Eugenio and Stella Salle participate in the Level of Spicy Challenge.



Fans put themselves to the test for a chance to win exciting prizes.

GAMEZONE has partnered with Tropical Hut to launch the GameZone Classic Burger, an exclusive meal now available in selected branches nationwide.

The collaboration celebrates the Filipino tradition of gathering with family and friends over good food, while bringing in a

sense of fun and nostalgia inspired by gaming culture.

The GameZone Meal features a signature red bun filled with bold, savory flavors that reflect the brand's identity. It also comes with special edition collectible cards, offering a unique experience that blends food with the vibrant play and

entertainment culture in the Philippines.

The launch was attended by well-known influencers Stella Salle, Noel Dela Cruz, Maine Eugenio, Seyrah, and Frincess, who added excitement to the celebration.

Guests also took part in the "Level of Spicy Challenge," where participants competed for a cash prize, making the event both interactive and engaging.

More than just a meal, the collaboration highlights Filipino pride, whether through classic card games or well-loved comfort food.

The GameZone Classic Burger is now available in participating Tropical Hut branches in BGC, Buendia, Cubao Romulo, Farmers Plaza, Escolta, Congressional, Pasig, Monumento, MDC 100, and Commonwealth.

DigiPlus and GameZone will continue to bring fun and entertainment through partnerships and collaborations that connect people in meaningful ways.

Visit your nearest participating Tropical Hut branch and try the GameZone Classic Burger today. Share your experience using the official hashtag #GameSaSarap.



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GAMBLING CAN BE ADDICTIVE
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Bulacan forest yields rare Rafflesia lagascae

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Commonly named “corpse flower” for its foul-smelling bloom, a rare Rafflesia lagascae has been discovered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the forests of Doña Remedios Trinidad (DRT) in Bulacan province.

The species was recorded during a forest resources assessment conducted by the DENR-Community Environment and Natural Resources Office Baliwag in partnership with the municipal environment and natural resources office of DRT.

According to CENRO-Baliwag head Dennis Vergara, records show that this is the second documented sighting of R. lagascae in Bulacan, following its first recorded sighting in 2022, also in DRT.

“The presence of R. lagascae indicates that the area remains biologically rich and relatively undisturbed. This discovery further strengthens our resolve to continue enhancing conservation initiatives and partnerships with local government units and communities to protect these critical habitats,” said DENR Region 3 executive director Ralph Pablo

Meanwhile, DENR Bulacan provincial chief Rolly Mulato said the discovery reflects the value of sustained forest monitoring and strong



coordination among DENR field offices and local stakeholders, while also urging the public to help protect the area from illegal activities and habitat degradation.

A rare, parasitic, and endemic plant species found only in the mountainous areas of Luzon, R. lagascae is known for its large bloom and distinct odor and is considered an important indicator of a healthy ecosystem. **DENR-3**



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Please inform DOLE – Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.

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Presided by Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda and attended by local chief executives, the meeting covered projects under the 2026 program across Pampanga ranging from roads and bridges, to drainage and school buildings, multi-purpose halls, hospitals, and other public buildings.

Of the P9.2 billion total, the bulk of P2,092,217,000 was allotted to Lubao-Guagua-Minalin-Sto. Tomas Road traversing the named municipalities.

Four phases of the road project in the Sto. Tomas stretch totaled P906.962 million; three in Minalin with P771.260 million; one in Lubao with P188.286 million; and one in Sasmuan with P229.709 million.

Sto. Tomas also has the biggest allocation at P1.271 billion for 13 projects, including the Sto. Tomas NLEX Interchange at P195.727 million; followed by Lubao with P949.694 million for 20 projects; and Minalin with P832.621 million for nine projects.

The rest of the Pampanga LGUs with their corresponding funding, number of projects, and biggest projects in terms of funding are:

Apalit – P183.814 million for 10 projects. Biggest – Manila North Road rehab at P101.136 million.

Arayat – P221.950 million – 9 projects. Arayat-Magalang Bypass Road at P98 million

Bacolor – P683.526 million – 7 projects. Construction of multi-

purpose building in Cabalantian at P500 million.

Candaba – P138.657 million – 14 projects. Construction of Pampanga State University multi-purpose building at P45 million.

City of San Fernando – P728.975 million – 13 projects. Community hospital in Barangay San Isidro at P350 million

Floridablanca – P211.968 million – 18 projects. Replacement of Del carmen Bridge at P39.2 million.

Guagua – P630.912 million – 19 projects. San Fernando-Lubao Road at P102.959 million.

Magalang – P435.932 million – 8 projects. Upgrading drainage Arayat-Magalang-Mabalacat Road at P98 million.

Macabebe – P363.471 million – 11 projects. Pampanga Delta Bridge Replacement Phase II at P137.009 million.

Masantol – P313.111 million – 13 projects. Construction of Masantol Community Hospital at P120 million.

Mexico – P269.027 – 11 projects. Mexico-Angeles Road drainage at P50 million.

Porac – P497.839 million – 10 projects. Porac-Angeles City Bypass Road at P147 million.

San Luis – P187.254 million – 17 projects. Multi-purpose building (municipal hall) at P100 million.

San Simon – P139.721 million – 6 projects. Tulaoc Overpass Bridge across NLEX at P107.800 million.

Sta. Ana – P126.414

million – 4 projects. Sta. Ana-Arayat Bypass Road at P98 million.

Sta. Rita – P68.600 million – 3 projects. San Vicente Bridge at P29.400 million.

Mabalacat City – P712.134 – 9 projects. Concepcion-Mabalacat City Bypass Road at P246.960 million.

Resolutions

The PDC passed Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026, endorsing to the Central Luzon Regional Development Council the list of projects in the Province of Pampanga under the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act which are tagged “For Issuance of Special Allotment Release Order (FISARO).”

Vice Gov. Pineda enjoined the local chief

executives as well as civil society groups and even the local residents themselves to actively monitor the projects to ensure proper implementation.

Other resolutions passed during the PDC meetings were: Resolution No. 07, S. 2026 – Expressing support to ProSPER Project (Promoting Sustainability and Productivity for Enterprises Resilient Upscaling) of the Department of Trade and Industry aimed at strengthening the agriculture and fisheries sector; and Resolution No. 08, S. 2026 – Approving the Supplemental Annual Investment Program (AIP) for 2026. **Punto News Team/Photos: Daniel Ombina-Pampanga PIO**

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implemented on Feb. 4, and that the said preventive suspension order was properly issued.

The resolution noted that preventive suspension is mandatory under the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act when there is a valid charge against a public official. It also said that an accused can be preventively suspended from public office even if he had been a private individual when the alleged

offense was committed.

“The law did not require nor mention that the incumbent public officer must have been in the government service at the time of the commission of the offense,” it said.

The Sandiganbayan also said the preventive suspension serves its purpose, which is to prevent the mayor from exerting influence on or intimidation of witnesses to frustrate his prosecution. **Punto News Team/Media reports**

Renewed hope...

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eleven overseas employers, offering a wide range of job opportunities for applicants across Central Luzon. It also served as a one-stop service venue for employment facilitation and reintegration assistance, allowing both returning OFWs and local job seekers to access government programs more efficiently.

For Dennis Dela Cruz, 28, of Arayat, Pampanga, the fair represented another step in his search for better opportunities after a previous overseas employment in Taiwan was cut short due to illness. Currently working from home, he said financial pressures continue to drive his plans to work abroad again.

“Kailangan po ng mas malaking sahod. Kasi dito sa Pilipinas, kulang po yung sahod... hindi po sapat pambuhay sa pamilya,” he said, even as he expressed optimism that opportunities presented at the fair could help improve his family’s situation.

“Kung may chance na maka-abroad... baka yung mga daily needs natin ay

mas matugunan,” Dela Cruz added.

Another applicant, Jethro Mendoza, 31, from Guagua, Pampanga, shared a similar outlook. Although currently employed, he said his income remains insufficient, prompting him to explore overseas opportunities, particularly in Europe.

“May work naman ako ngayon pero napakasakto lang... kaya naghanap ako ng opportunity dito. Gusto ko sana international, sa Europe kung may chance,” he said.

A key component of the event was the signing of a Pledge of Commitment among participating agencies, reaffirming their support for the Regional Reintegration Network. The RRN serves as a coordination mechanism to strengthen the delivery of reintegration programs and services for OFWs and their families under the leadership of the DMW.

The initiative supports the objectives of the National Reintegration Network and the Bagong Pilipinas governance

agenda, which promote safe, dignified, and sustainable reintegration through strengthened inter-agency collaboration.

DMW Assistant Secretary Jerome Alcantara underscored that the initiative reflects a strengthened whole-of-government approach aimed at bringing services closer to communities and making reintegration support more accessible and responsive.

“Ang gusto natin maramdaman ng OFWs...lahat ng aspeto ng pangangailangan ay ibinibigay ng pamahalaan lalo na sa panahon ng krisis,” he said, emphasizing the coordinated delivery of services. “Hindi lang po dito nagtatapos ito. Gusto po natin mailapat ang serbisyo ng pamahalaan sa ating mga OFWs at kanilang pamilya.”

For her part, DOLE-3 director Geraldine Panlilio reaffirmed the agency’s continued support for DMW-led reintegration efforts and highlighted the importance of strong

inter-agency coordination in delivering government services.

“DOLE stands in full support of the DMW in the implementation of reintegration initiatives for our OFWs. Through strong inter-agency coordination, we ensure that government services remain accessible, responsive, and aligned with the needs of our returning workers,” she said.

Officials noted that the RRN Fair reflects strengthened collaboration among government agencies in bringing services closer to communities, particularly for returning OFWs transitioning back into local employment or livelihood opportunities.

While job matching remained a key feature, the convergence of services also highlighted a broader reintegration approach—linking employment facilitation with skills development, livelihood assistance, and long-term support systems. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

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Habang ang pagiging makabayan ay maaaring ipamalas sa iba’t ibang pamamaraan, ito ay dapat isagawa ng may karampatang hinahon at ingat, nakabatay sa umiiral na mga batas at pang-unawa sa kultura, sapagkat ang pagiging padalus-dalos sa ating kilos at gawi ay maaring makapagdulong maling impresyon o di kaya’y makasakit ng damdamin, kahit na ang

hangarin ay mapukaw ang damdamin ng ating mga kababayan.

Ang Kalayaan at mga karapatang tinatamasa natin sa kasalukuyan ay nakamit sa pagbubuwis ng dugo, pawis at luha ng ating mga bayani. Tungkulin natin, bilang pagpapahalaga sa pamanang ito, ang maging responsable sa ating pagganap sa kalayaang ito. **(Pahayag ng NHCP, 28 Abril 2026)**



JDN REALTY GROUP: BIZ ICON OF THE YEAR

ANGELES CITY – JDN Realty Group president and CEO Aaron Jeffrey Montenegro and chairman Arni Valdes receive framed copy of Punto! Central Luzon’s special feature of JDN Realty Group as Business Icon of the Year presented to him by the publication’s editor Bong Z. Lacson and business-marketing manager Ning V. Cordero on April 23. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Polished perfection: First authentic Japanese nail salon sets standard in Clark



BY GERALD G. GLOTON

CLARK FREEPORT -- A new era of nail care is taking shape in the Philippines as De Lange Japanese Beauty and Wellness debuts the country’s first 100% authentic Japanese nail salon, bringing with it a level of precision, discipline, and artistry that raises the standard one perfectly polished detail at a time.

Straight from the refined beauty capitals of Nagoya and Tokyo, De Lange makes its Philippine debut in Clark Global City, marking its first expansion outside Japan. This is not just

another salon because it is where precision meets passion. Leading this cuticle-to-craft revolution is Mina Koyama, the renowned Flower Sensei of Japanese Nail Artistry. Known for turning tiny canvases into blooming masterpieces, her work proves that true beauty is always at hand. Under her influence, nails are sculpted, styled, and filed under fine art.

The grand opening gathered notable personalities from government and business, including CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, Bureau of Customs- Port of Clark district

collector Jairus Reyes, Bacolor Vice Mayor Ron Dungca, and Atty. Nicolette Henson. They were joined by De Lange president and CEO Coco Laus, Atty. Czarmaine Laus, Tess and Carissa Laus of LausGroup of Companies and former Pampanga board member Monz Laus.

Coco Laus underscored the discipline behind the brand’s craftsmanship, sharing that “we spent six to eight months training our local team to instill the Japanese discipline before our soft opening, and it is going to take even more hard work to maintain that level of meticulous

mastery and repetition.”

De Lange is introducing a safer and more refined approach to beauty, noting they are “launching a new standard of nail care that is free from harmful chemicals, using tools and techniques that protect both the client and nailist with minimal UV exposure.”

Echoing this vision, CDC president Devanadera emphasized the deeper purpose behind the venture: “This is not just business but it is a vision and there is a mission, and I am calling all my fellow Filipinos to support them. We will always support you.”

At De Lange, it is not

just about looking good but about doing it right. Their nail artists are rigorously trained in authentic Japanese techniques, ensuring services that are as clean as they are creative. Hygiene, discipline, and attention to detail define the salon’s standards, where nothing falls short of excellence.

Located on the ground floor of One West Aeropark in Clark Global City, De Lange Japanese Beauty and Wellness is open Tuesday to Sunday, from 12 noon to 10 PM. It welcomes clients to experience nail care that goes beyond the surface.

Photos: GGG/CDC



GAWAD PARANGAL 2026: MOST OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL MAYOR

GUAGUA, Pampanga – Mayor Anthony Joseph S. Torres received the Gawad Parangal 2026 Most Outstanding Municipal Mayor of the Philippines for Luzon during the 29th National Social Welfare and Development Forum and General Assembly held in Zamboanga City on April 28 under the theme: “LSWDO’s Build Together for Empowered Individuals, Families, and Communities Embracing Global Humanitarian Strategies through Ethical Standards of Social Work Practices.” An undertaking of the Association of Local Social Welfare and Development Officers of the Philippines, Gawad Parangal is an annual nationwide recognition to outstanding local chief executives, social workers, and local social welfare and development offices for excellence in social service, innovation, and community development. **PUNTO NEWS TEAM/PHOTOS: GIO**